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1. FIRST SIGNIFICANT GERMAN PRESS EDITORIAL ON NPT IN
SOME TIME APPEARED IN FRONT PAGED JUNE 15 FRANKFURTER
ALLGEMEINE COMMENTARY BY GUENTHER GILLESSEN. AFTER
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NOTING EURATOM/ IAEA VERIFICATION AGREEMENT AND THE CORRESPONDING NEED TO ASSURE GERMAN FIRMS AGAINST UNDUE INTERFERENCE IN PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY, GILLESSEN TICKS OFF FAMILIAR OBJECTIONS TO NPT, I. E., LACK OF UNIVERSALITY; INEQUALITY OF OBLIGATIONS TO THE BENEFIT OF CURRENT NUCLEAR POWERS; CONSEQUENT DISCRIMINATION OF TREATY AND ITS FUNCTION AS INSTRUMENT OF SOVIET/ AMERICAN BILATERALISM.

2. WHILE SAYING THAT NO FEDERAL GERMAN GOVERNMENT WOULD SEEK A NATIONAL NUCLEAR FORCE, GILLESSEN ARGUES THAT UNCERTAINTY OVER MIDDLE TERM US TROOP PRESENCE AND NUCLEAR GUARANTEE AS WELL AS CONTINUED POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET INTERFERENCE UNDER UN INTERVENTION CLAUSE, ALL CAST SOME CLOUDS ON NPT, WHICH HE AVERS " AT LEAST WILL NOT MAKE PEACE IN EUROPE MORE SECURE." IF THE US NUCLEAR GUARANTEE FOR EUROPE VANISHED SOME DAY, THIS WOULD IN GILLESSEN' S VIEW JUSTIFY EUROPEAN WITHDRAWAL FROM NPT UNDER ARTICLE TEN-- EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES AFFECTING THE HIGHEST INTERESTS OF A COUNTRY. GILLESSEN NOTES THAT THE NPT DOES NOT PROHIBIT " AN ALLIANCE BETWEEN NUCLEAR AND NON- NUCLEAR STATES IN EUROPE".

3. IN CONCLUDING, GILLESSEN SAYS THAT IF THE AMERICANS REAPPRAISE THEIR INTEREST IN EUROPE IN THE COMING YEARS, AND IN DOING SO UNDERESTIMATE IT, THIS WILL LEND CLEARER CONTOURS TO THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES: " THE WEST EUROPEAN NATIONS WILL EITHER INTEGRATE THEMSELVES IN THE SOVIET FIELD OF FORCE WITH ITS INCREASING PULL, OR WILL TRY TO WIN NEW SECURITY AND NEW STRENGTH FROM POLITICAL UNION".
HILLENBRAND

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